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S. 3356

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29 (legislative day, JULY 28), 2008

Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. REED, and Mr. ISAKSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Infantry Mu-
5 seum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin Act of
6 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

2 (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
3 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as “the Secretary”)
4 shall mint and issue not more than 350,000 \$1 coins in
5 commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army
6 Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry
7 Museum and Soldier Center, each of which shall—

8 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

9 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

10 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
11 copper.

12 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
13 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
14 title 31, United States Code.

15 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
16 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
17 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
18 matic items.

19 **SEC. 3. DESIGN OF COINS.**

20 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
22 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
23 courage, pride, sacrifice, sense of duty, and history
24 of the United States Infantry.

25 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
26 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

- 1 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;
2 (B) an inscription of the year “2012”; and
3 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,
4 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-
5 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

6 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
7 under this Act shall be—

8 (1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation
9 with the National Infantry Foundation and the
10 Commission of Fine Arts; and

11 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
12 Committee.

13 **SEC. 4. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

14 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
15 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

16 (b) MINT FACILITY.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Only 1 facility of the United
18 States Mint may be used to strike any particular
19 quality of the coins minted under this Act.

20 (2) USE OF THE UNITED STATES MINT AT
21 WEST POINT, NEW YORK.—It is the sense of Con-
22 gress that the coins minted under this Act should be
23 struck at the United States Mint at West Point,
24 New York, to the greatest extent possible.

1 (c) PERIOD OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may issue
2 coins under this Act only during the calendar year begin-
3 ning on January 1, 2012.

4 **SEC. 5. SALE OF COINS.**

5 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act
6 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
7 of—

8 (1) the face value of the coins;

9 (2) the surcharge provided in section 6 with re-
10 spect to such coins; and

11 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
12 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
13 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

14 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
15 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable
16 discount.

17 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
19 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
20 before the issuance of such coins.

21 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
22 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
23 sonable discount.

1 **SEC. 6. SURCHARGES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this
3 Act shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

4 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
5 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
6 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
7 shall be paid to the National Infantry Foundation for the
8 purpose of establishing an endowment to support the
9 maintenance of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier
10 Center following its completion.

11 (c) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the United
12 States shall have the right to examine such books, records,
13 documents, and other data of the National Infantry Foun-
14 dation as may be related to the expenditures of amounts
15 paid under subsection (b).

16 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
17 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
18 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
19 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
20 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
21 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
22 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
23 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
24 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-

- 1 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
- 2 this subsection.

